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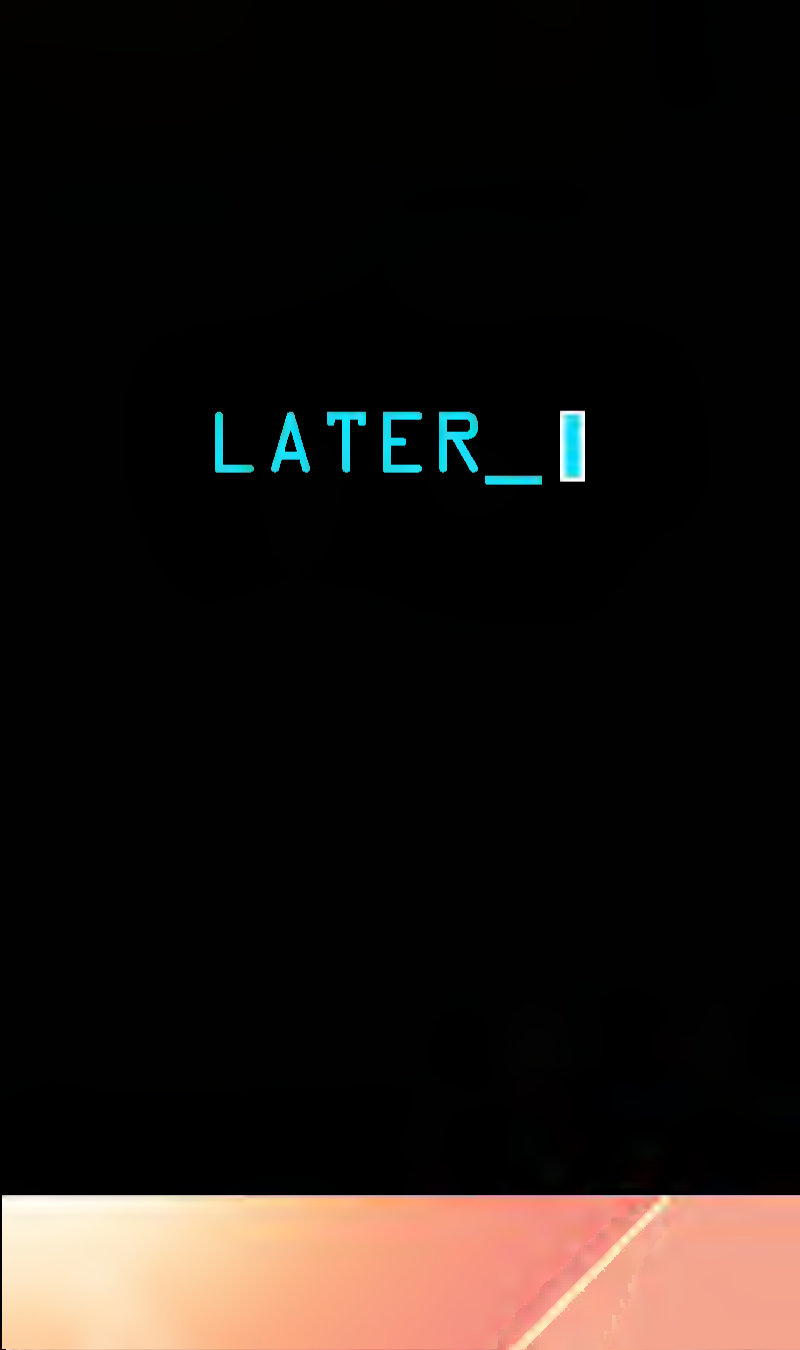

LATER_

IF I UNDERSTAND YOU CORRECTLY, YOU TOLD THEM EVERYTHING.

YOU WOULD TAKE THIS OPPURTUNITY TO-

MY APOLOGIES, CAPTAIN. I COULD NOT RESIST.

DID YOU JUST TEASE ME, ZENO?

DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY.

I SAW THIS, OR RATHER THAME DID.

THEY HAD EVERYTHING.

THEY WERE HOLDING HIM IN THE STREET.

HOW DID HE LOOK?

LIKE HE'S THE ONLY ONE OF US WHO KNOWS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT.

YOU WANT TO TURN OUR GALA INTO SNOWNOMISH'S FIRST MASS RANDOM SELECTION?!

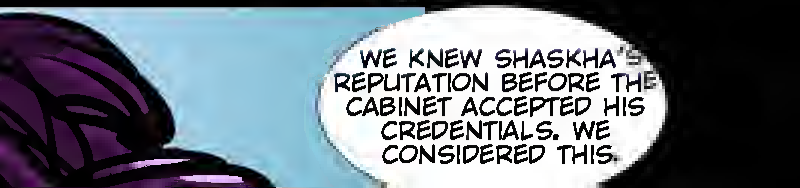
I WOULDN'T PUT IT THAT WAY.

THIS ISN'T OUR FIRST THREAT, LIEUTENANT.
THIS ONE IS DIFFERENT, SIR.

WHY?
BECAUSE THEY ATTACKED CONSTRUCTS IN PORT NOSS YESTERDAY.

YOU THINK THEY'RE SOME KIND OF ORGANICS HATE GROUP?
NOT QUITE. LIEUTENANT KORRAN BELIEVES THESE

CONSTRUCTS ARE PART OF A NETWORK LINKED TO THE AMBASSADOR.
I THINK WE'VE TAKEN ENOUGH PRECAUTIONS.

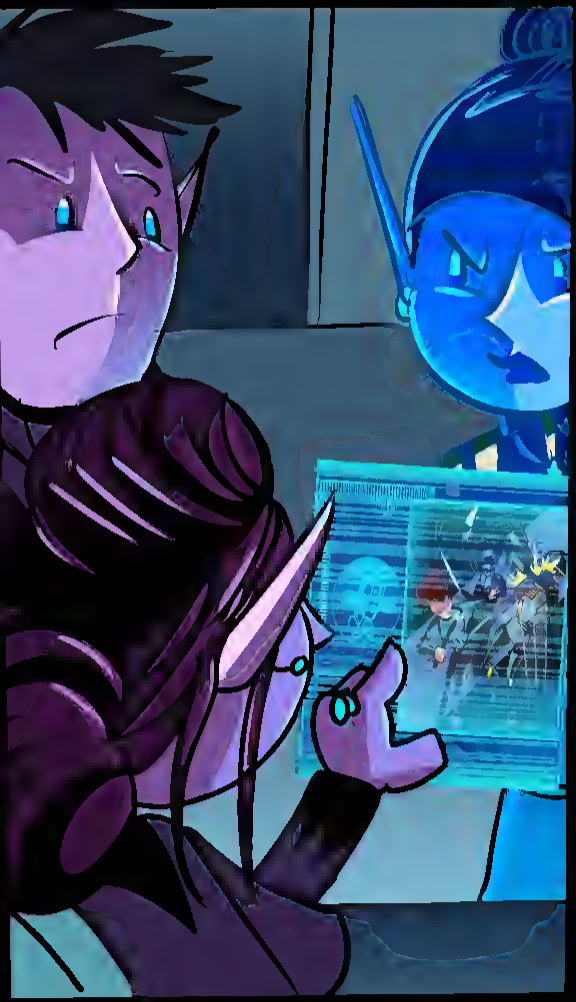

WE KNEW SHASKHA'S REPUTATION BEFORE THE CABINET ACCEPTED HIS CREDENTIALS. WE CONSIDERED THIS.

WITH RESPECT, I'M SUGGESTING THE SNOWNOMISH AUTHORITY HANDLE EXTERIOR SECURITY AS IF THIS WERE A DIPLOMATIC EVENT.

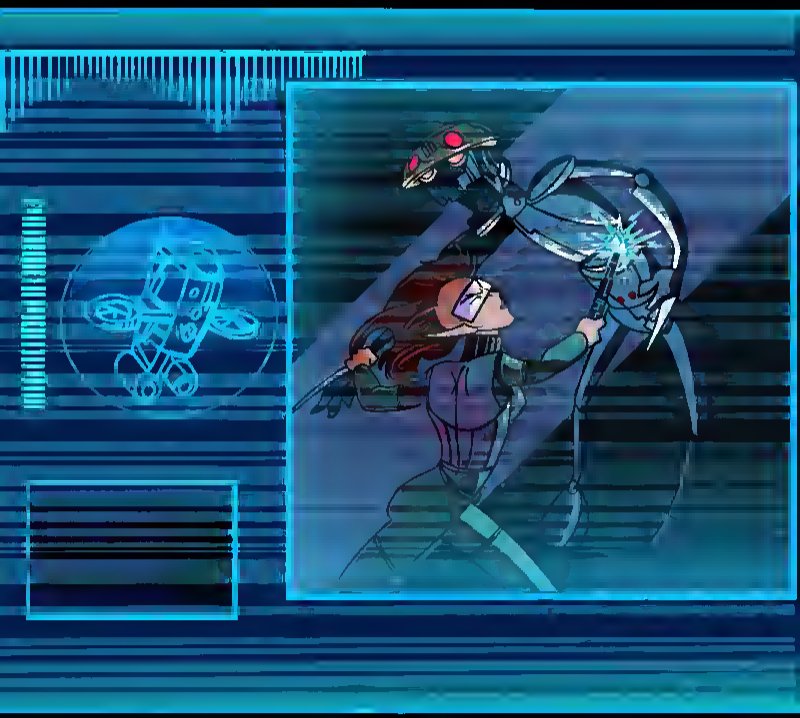
WITH RESPECT?
YOU'RE TELLING ME WHAT TO DO IN MY OWN FRAKKING HOUSE!

I AM.

WE HAVE FOUR HOURS BEFORE THE GUESTS ARRIVE AND THE STAFF HAVE BEEN ARRIVING ALL DAY.
WE CAN DEPLOY DRONES IN A WIDE PERIMETER AROUND THE BUILDING.



WE'LL HAVE TROOPS NEARBY.



AND A
FEW AGENTS
INSIDE.

WE KNEW WHO THE FORGE WERE SENDING!
HE'S A WAR CRIMINAL!

AND NOW HE'S A *DIPLOMAT* UNDER OUR PROTECTION.

LIEUTENANT KORRAN IS RIGHT. LIKE IT OR NOT, WE ONLY HAVE SO MUCH AUTHORITY HERE.
SUBMIT YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE AUTHORITY. WE WILL NOT CONTEST.

LIEUTENANT, WOULD YOU DO ME A FAVOR?

MA'AM.

TELL ME ABOUT THESE TERRORISTS.